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## Politics cited in jet accident

By New York Times

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The lawyer for the pilot of a Marine jet that clipped a ski gondola cable in Italy, killing 20 people, said Monday that political pressure led to charges against the four-man crew.

The most serious charges brought against the four crewmen are 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide. Charged are the pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, and Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, Capt. Chandler Seagraves and Capt. William Raney II.

The four men appeared here Monday with their lawyers at an administrative phase of an Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury hearing.

At Monday's procedure, Lt. Col. Ronald Rogers decided to hold two Article 32 hearings, in May and in June, to

determine if the four men will be tried by a court martial. Each involuntary-manslaughter specification carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Each negligent-homicide charge carries a maximum of three years.



Ashby

The four crewmen, based at nearby Cherry Point air station, said little, other than to respond to questions from Rogers or their lawyers. At a press conference after the hearing, Frank Spinner, the civilian lawyer for the pilot, said he was concerned that the crewmen, not only his client, face the same charges.

"There is certainly enough to indicate

at this point that what has happened thus far has been a function of political pressure," said Spinner, who represented 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn of the Air Force on adultery charges.

Spinner said, "For decades, military members have been involved in training exercises which have resulted in death, and in many of those cases there have been acts of negligence and perhaps even recklessness, and yet there does not appear to be anyone court-martialed previously in similar circumstances."

The crewmen did not speak at the news conference.

Marine Corps lawyers representing the government requested a joint hearing for the men, but Rogers agreed to a request by lawyers for Seagraves that separate hearings be held.

## Terror group claims it's disbanded

BERLIN (AP) — The Red Army Faction, the extreme-leftist terror group whose assassinations, bombings and bank robberies shook West Germany in the 1970s and 1980s, claims to have disbanded, the Interior Ministry said Monday.

The group announced its decision in a letter to the Cologne office of the Reuters news agency, the ministry said.

"Today, we're ending this

project. The urban guerrillas in the form of the RAF is history," according to a copy of the eight-page letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The original was forwarded to federal criminal authorities in Wiesbaden for verification, although the Interior Ministry said it appeared to be authentic. It included a list of 26 terrorists who died during the group's existence, as well as the group's symbol, a five-point star with a machine gun.

Already small in number, with many of its members killed by police or imprisoned, the group announced in 1992 it was abandoning violence.

"The RAF hardly exists any more," federal attorney general Kay Nehm said Monday.

Perhaps the clearest sign the Red Army Faction era had ended was Germany's decision in October to relax security for some top politicians, saying the threat of terror at-

tacks has eased significantly.

During the height of its violence, the RAF gained notoriety as one of Europe's deadliest leftist terrorist groups for its attacks on U.S. military targets and West German industrial leaders. It killed 32 people during its campaign.

The group began its "anti-imperialist struggle" in the late 1960s as the Baader-Meinhof gang, named after its founders, Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof.

## Tighter ship scrapping management urged

By Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — A Defense Department panel called Monday for more rigorous management of the government's troubled ship-scrapping program, but stopped short of recommending the overhaul urged by critics.

The panel suggested that government agencies step up inspections and provide

clearer guidance about the safe disposal of vessels in the United States. But the panel did not rule out scrapping ships overseas, where worker safety and environmental regulation is virtually nonexistent. The panel's report provoked immediate criticism from Congress.

"The panel's recommendations are tepid and timid," said Sen. Barbara A.

Mikulski, D-Md. "The panel had an opportunity to change the way we dispose of our Navy ships. Instead, they tinker with the problem without solving it."

Mikulski said she planned to introduce legislation that would require the Navy to use shipyards in the U.S. to dismantle ships safely and ban overseas sales of old government ships for scrapping.

# Moynihan says Russia may fear bigger NATO

DALLAS (AP) — The expansion of NATO to include three Eastern European nations could ultimately lead the United States “into the catastrophe of nuclear war with Russia,” warns Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The New York Democrat said Monday that the addition of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization could be perceived as a threat by Russia, which is suffering from an economic and political leadership crisis.

Moynihan made his comments at the annual luncheon of The Associated Press at the Newspaper Association of America’s convention, scheduled to continue through Wednesday.

Moynihan warned that U.S.-Russian relations could disintegrate dangerously if the expansion goes forward.

“If we go ahead, we have to recognize that without having intended it, we may have raised the prospect of nuclear war to the most intense point it has ever reached since the beginning of the nuclear age.”

Moynihan and Sen. John Warner, R-

Va., have proposed a three-year freeze on additional membership in NATO beyond Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The full Senate’s vote on the expansion, without the amendment, was postponed last month, just weeks after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted overwhelmingly to approve it. A two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to put the extension into force.

NATO was created in 1949 to confront the Soviet Union in Europe and now has 16 member nations. All must approve the expansion. So far, Canada, Denmark and Norway have done so. Moynihan concluded his speech by criticizing excessive government zeal in keeping information from citizens. “There are a few secrets you need; most you don’t,” he said. “If you really would like to know what is going on in the world, read The Associated Press wire.” Newspaper executives attending the AP’s annual meeting were told of the “remarkable evolution” that has kept the news cooperative abreast of an ever-changing industry.

# Jury rules anti-abortion threats are extortion

CHICAGO (AP) — Opening the door for claims across the nation, a federal jury relying on a racketeering law aimed at the mob said threats and violence used by anti-abortion leaders amounted to extortion.

Defense attorneys immediately

promised an appeal of Monday’s landmark decision that could cost the movement millions of dollars. Anti-abortion leaders said protests would go on, though one said demonstrations may become more “prayerful.” “This is the biggest courtroom defeat for the anti-abortion

# Jet crash in Colombia fatal to 53

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A postcard of the Eiffel tower, a child’s miniature soccer ball, a woman’s make-up kit. Little other evidence was left of the 53 lives lost aboard a Boeing 727 that slammed into Bogota’s eastern mountain range just moments after takeoff.

Amid smoldering flesh and chunks of twisted steel strewn across a half-mile of mountainside just above the capital, rescue workers and police worked through the rain to recover bodies from Monday’s crash.

Air France Flight 422 was en route to the Ecuadorean capital, Quito, when, without warning, it failed to make a sharp turn south and plowed into the jagged peak. Most of those aboard were Ecuadorean and French citizens. Thirty-nine passengers, originating in Paris, had changed planes in Bogota.

# Demand high for impotence drug

NEW YORK (AP) — Urologist John Stripling of Atlanta has written so many prescriptions for the new impotence drug Viagra in the past two weeks that he’s using a rubber stamp to do the work.

“I’ve never seen such interest in a prescription drug in all of my years of medicine,” said Stripling, who is getting 25 calls a day from patients interested in the drug from Pfizer Inc.

Viagra is the first oral medicine for impotence, a pill that sells for about \$7 wholesale. Unlike other remedies, it does not cause an erection unless the man is sexually stimulated.

The pill has been hyped as a sexual savior for healthy men seeking to increase or improve their activity or performance. Despite warnings from experts that Viagra works only in men with a medical problem, patients are swamping pharmacies to get it. The number of impotence prescriptions filled in the United States has nearly tripled since Viagra’s release early this month, to 54,474 for the week ending April 10. Viagra now accounts for eight of every 10 new impotence prescriptions, according to IMS America, a research information company that released the figures Monday.

movement ever,” said Fay Clayton, a National Organization for Women attorney who fought to keep the class-action lawsuit alive through 12 years of pre-trial skirmishing. The jury returned its verdict against activists Joseph Scheidler, Andrew Scholberg and Timothy Murphy.

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## Some schools don't want daughters taken to work

By Associated Press

When girls around the country skip school Thursday to take part in the sixth annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day, children in Runnells, Iowa, will be in class.

The district held its version of the event in February — on a school holiday.

"We think the event is worthwhile. But we only have 180 days in which to educate our young people," says superintendent Joseph Drips. "Our cause is worthy, too."

Fed up with lost academic time and logistical headaches, schools around the country — including girls' schools — are quietly opting out of the annual event that is meant to nurture girls' confidence and ambitions. Educators complain that some students just end up sitting around Mom's or Dad's office.

Texas is allowing all schools to reschedule the day. Other schools are

limiting participation by grade or urging parents to skip the day altogether.

In New York City, the Convent of the Sacred Heart girls' school sent a letter for the first time this year asking parents "not to observe the program in a way that requires absences from classes."

Over the years, the school grew concerned that students who participated missed important lessons, those who stayed in school felt left out, and teachers had to reteach material.

In addition, the school heard that some students "just sat around" workplaces, spokeswoman Jane O'Connell says.

It wasn't an easy decision for a girls' school to make, she says. But administrators concluded that the school already is encouraging girls and exposing them to careers.

Such sentiments are shared by other girls' schools.

## Music City bounces back from tornado

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Most of the city's 70,000 downtown workers returned Monday to skyscrapers patched with plywood and tarpaulins following tornadoes that virtually shut down the office district for three days.

Eight buildings remained "red-tagged" as unsafe. Most were small commercial businesses and restaurants occupying three- to four-story buildings.

"They'll have to be brought up to codes or rebuilt," said Kevin Penney, chief emergency planner for the mayor's office.

Most of the large office towers reopened, however, as weekend rains gave way to sunshine.

Cranes dotted the Nashville skyline and crews continued the massive task of replacing windows shattered by Thursday's storms.

It may take more than eight weeks to replace all the glass.

Stretches of yellow tape cautioned walkers which sidewalks were unsafe, and police shifted traffic throughout the day.

Six people in Tennessee died in tornadoes and three in the floods caused by heavy rains that followed.

President Clinton declared six middle Tennessee counties disaster areas Monday, making federal money available for repairs and temporary housing.

The NationsBank Office Tower was one of the hardest-hit buildings in Nashville, but cleanup crews worked round-the-clock over the weekend to mop up.

## Man charged in son's kidnapping

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A man accused of plotting his son's kidnapping to collect ransom to pay gambling debts was arraigned Monday and ordered held on \$100,000 bail.

Marko Ivezic, 37, of Farmington Hills was charged with false report of a felony, inducing a mi-

nor to commit a felony and attempted false pretenses over \$100.

Ivezic told police his 12-year-old son was abducted Friday night by two masked men who demanded \$10,000.

The boy was found handcuffed to a bathroom sink in a hotel Saturday.

Prosecutors said Monday that Ivezic planned

the scam and his son cooperated.

The boy and his 10-year-old sister live in New York with their mother but had traveled to Michigan to visit their father.

Authorities believe Ivezic owed \$50,000 and thought he could get some ransom money from his estranged wife's family members.

## Space shuttle experiment is a real rat race

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It was a rat race aboard space shuttle Columbia on Monday as rodents with electrodes implanted in their brains scurried around a 3-D track and a cross-shaped maze.

Columbia's astronauts monitored the nerve activity of the exercising rats for the brain study. By late Monday, all four test subjects had completed the course, one at a time; no information was collect-

ed from the fourth, however, because of a sensor problem.

Rat No. 3 proved to be especially athletic.

"He's been running really well," reported the crew's veterinarian, Richard Linnehan. "He's got over probably 25 runs."

Bruce McNaughton, a University of Arizona psychologist, said his experiment may help explain and ease the dis-

orientation experienced by astronauts in space.

The findings also may shed light on the memory loss suffered by the elderly and by victims of Alzheimer's, he said.

"By understanding the basic biology of how this system works, it will give us the understanding we need to be able to tell what is going wrong in this system when it breaks down in normal aging or Alzheimer's disease," McNaughton said.

# Funding for needle program nixed

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration declared Monday that needle-exchange programs can help curb the AIDS epidemic without fostering the use of illegal drugs, but refused to allow federal money to be spent on the controversial approach.

The continued ban on federal funds stunned leading AIDS researchers and many activists, who had long believed that government money

would begin flowing as soon as the administration determined there is enough scientific evidence to show that needle exchange programs work.

But by divorcing the science from the matter of subsidies, the administration found a way to surmount lingering disagreements among President Clinton's top advisers over one of the most contentious public health questions they have confronted.

Needle exchanges have become a lightning rod in the debate over how the nation will combat the AIDS epidemic, now that it is well into its second decade. The programs, which have sprung up in more than 100 cities across the country, including Washington and Baltimore, attempt to slow the spread of HIV by giving clean syringes to intravenous drug users, thus lessening the sharing of needles that contain residue of tainted

blood. Advocates of the programs say such a strategy is increasingly important as the epidemic has veered more heavily into populations of drug users and their sex partners and children. Such drug-related cases account for nearly one-third of the more than 600,000 AIDS cases reported in the United States since the epidemic began. The proportion is substantially higher among people who have been infected in recent years.

## NOW considering whether to join Paula Jones' appeal

By Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Four years after filing her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton, Paula Corbin Jones got word Monday of potential support from the National Organization for Women, which had been criticized for failing to act sooner.

NOW President Patricia Ireland said that the organization is consulting its 500 chapters across the United States to decide if it should join Jones' lawyers in appealing a federal judge's recent dismissal of her case.

"What we are talking about is the strategy of having women-friendly workplaces and schools, not just for Paula Jones in this case, but for all women in the workplace or in school," Ireland said, focusing on needed enforcement of sexual harassment law.

Interviewed on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," Ireland said that

NOW would determine within a month "whether this is the right case."

Asked why she had not supported Jones earlier, Ireland insisted that NOW offered its backing soon after the Jones case was filed. But, she said, Jones "chose her forum ... and she also chose her friends. She rebuffed our efforts to help her and went with the right wing." Susan Carpenter McMillan, a Jones confidante and spokeswoman, said, however, that Ireland "was never rebuffed." Jones' lawyers approached NOW at an early date but after a scheduled conference call with Ireland and Jones fell through, the Jones attorneys never heard again from Ireland, McMillan said. Supporters of Jones, a former low-level Arkansas state employee, have criticized NOW and other national women's groups for their failure to rush to Jones' side.

## Pot club is shut down in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A sheriff reluctantly shut down San Francisco's largest medical marijuana club Monday, as organizers waited in the wings to re-open under another name.

San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessey served Cannabis Cultivators Club founder Dennis Peron with an order closing down the operation and ordered the building vacated.

Peron and his followers cooperated peacefully.

Hennessey made it clear he opposed the court order initiated by state Attorney General Dan Lungren, whom Peron is opposing in a David vs. Goliath campaign in the Republican gubernatorial primary.

"I support the medicinal marijuana law in the state of California, and it does seem this is an attempt to thwart that law," Hennessey said.

## Spy case may turn on reluctance to release secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The defense strategy for a former CIA employee accused of spying could pose a quandary for federal prosecutors torn between pressing their case and protecting some of the most sensitive secrets the government possesses.

Douglas Fred Groat may insist on the introduction of classified information as part of his defense against a five-count

indictment alleging espionage and extortion, said lawyers familiar with the case, speaking only on condition of anonymity. If the court rules the information essential to Groat's defense, prosecutors would face the choice of jeopardizing their case or allowing disclosure of sensitive information. It is the same dilemma that resulted in a judge's dismissal of charges against CIA operative Joseph Fernandez

in 1989. The judge threw out the case, part of the Iran-Contra investigation, after the Justice Department refused to allow disclosure of classified evidence the court ruled was essential to Fernandez's defense. "The theory is that everybody in the United States under the Constitution has a right to a fair trial," said attorney Thomas E. Wilson, who represented Fernandez.

# Cuts give simulation larger role

By GRAFENWOHR, Germany — Pfc. Ted Cerwin, the driver of a Bradley fighting vehicle, usually works in a space that's about as wide as a manhole cover.

But, there are days when Cerwin gives up the tight confines of his driver's seat and he suddenly has more room to move his legs.

On such days, he's living in the virtual world created by U.S. Army Europe's Directorate of Simulations, the centerpiece of command efforts to consolidate such training.

"What (the consolidation) has allowed us to do has been to develop a long-range vision for simulations in Europe," said Lt. Col. Howard Lee, deputy director of simulations for the headquarters of 7th Army Training Command at Grafenwohr. "Concurrent with this, our goal is to ensure that the needs of the training community are reasonably addressed at the units home station."

A key part of achieving that vision focuses on money — ways to save it, ways to stretch it. And a key part of those savings comes from the closure of battle simulation centers for V Corps, 1st Armored Division and 1st Infantry Division during 1996. Once those facilities closed, officials tucked their duties into the newly established directorate. The move has led to \$4 million savings since fiscal 1995, valuable money in times of tight funding.

"The intent was to pull together all of the simulation resources which were often operating in redundant ways and then to leverage off each other's capabilities, thereby reducing operating costs and gaining an efficiency," Lee said.

## NATO chief says more arrests in Bosnia are planned

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina (AP) — NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said Monday the peace force in Bosnia will continue arresting persons wanted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

"We will continue doing that with the same pattern we are doing that now," Solana told a press conference, refusing

# GIs boast brainpower for a shot on 'Jeopardy'

By Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Capt. Michael Arnold's second time around the test-your-knowledge block made him a winner.

For 1st Lt. Ben Tritle, the third time was the charm.

On Monday, both officers won their bids — after previous unsuccessful tries — to enter the outer ring of TV game show host Alex Trebek's magic circle: By giving the right answers to 42 or more questions on a 50-question test, the two were among 24 U.K.-based servicemembers who will be considered for appearances on TV's *Jeopardy!* in the next year.

Trebek and a *Jeopardy!* road team are visiting U.S. bases in Europe this week to test applicants. They will eventually whittle the winners down for 12 slots on a special *Jeopardy!* military week next season. No date has been set yet for the program's military week, but the 12 servicemembers to be chosen later this year from bases around the world will be flown to California, all expenses paid, to go face

face with host Trebek.

The first European stop was at Keflavik Air Station, Iceland, where 13 out of 200 applicants made the cut over the weekend.

"It was kind of nice to meet Alex Trebek," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chris Cheyne, who studied a *Jeopardy!* Web site before making the cut in Iceland.

Monday found Trebek and company at RAF Mildenhall for two test sessions. Thirteen out of 64 passed the test at a 10 a.m. gathering, which drew servicemembers from Mildenhall, Lakenheath, RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth. In the afternoon, 98 servicemembers from those bases plus RAF Fairford, RAF Croughton and RAF Menwith Hill also tried their luck. Trebek showed up at the test site, the Bob Hope Community Activity Center, to answer questions and sign autographs while the scores were tallied. His stop came between being filmed on a Pave Low helicopter at Mildenhall and in front of an F-111 jet at Lakenheath.

## New violence reported in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav authorities on Monday reported an army shootout with suspected arms smugglers on the tense border with Albania, and said Serb houses were attacked by ethnic Albanian militants.

Ethnic Albanians in Serbia's independence-minded Kosovo province, meanwhile, claimed that Serb forces were mobiliz-

ing for further attacks and said they feared sieges like those that triggered war in Bosnia six years ago.

The developments, which could not be independently confirmed, marked the latest friction over Kosovo, a province in southern Serbia whose population is 90 percent ethnic Albanian. Serbia is the larger of two republics

remaining in Yugoslavia.

A Yugoslav army statement Monday said border guards prevented five "terrorists" from smuggling weapons into Kosovo from neighboring Albania on Sunday.

The five fled back into Albania, and the army seized five rifles, sixteen hand grenades and some ammunition, the statement said.

to give further details.

"You know very well what the pattern of the arrests (has been) that have taken place in the last month and we'll continue."

The statement came only a week after NATO forces in northwestern Bosnia arrested two more Serbs, Miroslav Kvočka

and Mladen Radic, both indicted in February 1995 by the tribunal.

The two are charged with grave breaches of the Geneva Convention, war crimes and crimes against humanity while holding command positions at the notorious Omarska camp outside Prijedor in northeastern Bosnia.

## MTV picks teen for an on-air gig

By New York Times

**NEW YORK** — After a grueling week of interviews, pop quizzes, and a nationally-televised popularity contest to pick MTV's newest on-air personality, the winner is: Jesse Camp, 18, from "sorta nowhere and sorta everywhere."

Dude.

As the announcement was made live on MTV at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Camp, a 6-foot-4 feather of a man with spidery bones and a mop of sprayed hair, was mobbed by well-wishers, fresh hangers-on, and Kurt Loder, a veteran MTV personality who was wearing purple socks.

"Whoa, I can hardly believe it," Camp said in a voice trimmed in California surf-punk. It was his first Q&A session with reporters. "I'm going to keep it real. All I can do is be me. But I can be a pretty good me."

The auditions were for people 18 to 28, and it was the first time the music channel invited one of its viewers to join its hallowed ranks. More than 4,000 contestants were whittled down to 6, and on Saturday they endured hours of hot-seat questioning meant to test their knowledge of music.

"What is the real name of Ice-T?" asked morning radio personalities Dr. Dre. and Ed Lover. "O'Shea Jackson," answered one particularly astute contestant, Ducci.

## Young Republicans buying Reagan's California ranch

By Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A group of young Republicans is buying former President Reagan's beloved California mountaintop ranch, which he once dubbed his "Shangri-la," for use as a training center for future GOP leaders.

The Young America's Foundation, a 29-year-old group that promotes conservative values among high school and college students, will house its

Ronald Reagan Leadership Development Program on the 688-acre property, executive director Marc Short said.

"There's a tremendous hunger in the Republican Party and the conservative movement for a Reagan-like leader," said Adriene Davis, spokeswoman for the foundation, based in Fairfax, Va.

The foundation declined to disclose the price or other details of the sale,

which will be completed Tuesday. Short said the group was using private donations for it. Reagan's Los Angeles office could not be reached for comment.

The property had been on the market since August 1996 at an asking price of \$5.95 million, which many real estate executives called excessive. The former president and his wife, Nancy, bought the ranch for \$547,000 in 1974 as Reagan was nearing the end of his second term as California governor.

Short said the training sessions, conferences and seminars that the foundation is planning will not require any changes to the Rancho del Cielo, Spanish for Ranch in the Sky, situated on a 2,250-foot mountaintop 30 miles northwest of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The foundation is looking into buying additional property for a conference facility in the surrounding areas, Short said.

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## In The Stars and Stripes

### 10 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1988 — Shiite Muslim gunmen slipped out of a Kuwaiti jet at dawn and their 31 hostages were freed, ending a 16-day hijacking ordeal that left two dead.

### 20 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1978 — The photo of kidnapped former Premier Aldo Moro was released by the Red Brigades, which gave the Italian government a 48-hour deadline to release communist prisoners in exchange for his life.

### 30 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1968 — Escaped convict James Earl Ray, sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was placed on the FBI's most-wanted list.

### 40 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1958 — Former French Premier Georges Bidault, a member of the Catholic Popular Republican Movement, agreed to attempt to form France's 25th postwar government.

### 50 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1948 — Drive-in theaters, once considered a temporary fad catering to the family with a car and no baby sitter, were booming across the country with about 220 in operation.

## 'The Full Monty' tops British Academy Award winners

**LONDON (AP)** — *The Full Monty*, the sleeper English success that has become Britain's highest-grossing movie ever, was named best film Sunday at the British Academy Awards (BAFTA), and stars Robert Carlyle and Tom Wilkinson took the actor and supporting actor trophies as

two of the movie's not-so-reluctant Sheffield strippers.

It trumped, among others, Oscar favorite *Titanic*, which sailed away without a single prize.

But the black-tie ceremony at London's Grosvenor House ended on a tearful note, with producer David Puttnam's an-

nouncement from the podium of the death — made public only while the show was in progress — of Linda McCartney, the photographer and wife of Beatles performer Paul.

Lord Puttnam, vice president of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts,

praised the 56-year-old McCartney as "a remarkable woman who was half of a remarkable marriage." He urged the star-studded crowd to rise in "a short but warm standing ovation."

A kilted Sean Connery was granted a special Academy Fellowship.

# Rockies can't keep up with the Joneses

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies scored five runs off Atlanta ace Greg Maddux and chased closer Mark Wohlers from the game in the ninth.

And still they lost.

Andruw Jones homered twice, Chipper Jones had a two-run double and Maddux survived a rocky seventh inning as the Braves beat the Rockies 7-5 Monday night.

Maddux, who yielded only two earned runs in his first 32 innings this season for a glittering 0.56 ERA that led the National League, was roughed up for five runs (four earned) in eight innings. His ERA rose to 1.35, but Maddux (2-1) still got the win.

He also had eight assists and started two double plays.

"I thought Maddux was excellent," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "He had the one bad inning, but that happens. You saw why he's won so many Gold Gloves."

After allowing only one run through six innings, Maddux gave up four in the seventh, including pinch-hitter John Vander Wal's three-run homer that cut Atlanta's lead to 7-5.

The Rockies loaded the bases in the ninth on three walks, two by Wohlers.



But Kerry Ligtenberg — the Braves' third pitcher of the inning — retired Mike Lansing and Neifi Perez on popups for his first save of the season.

"Kerry pitched great," Cox said. "He pitched Greg Colbrunn pretty tough before Colbrunn worked him for a walk. Then he got two popups. That's clutch pitching at its best."

In the only other NL game, the Arizona Diamondbacks routed the Florida Marlins 15-4.

Andruw Jones drove in three runs with his second and third homers of the season for Atlanta.

"I started bad this season," Jones said. "I had a streak where I was 1-for-26. But now I'm starting to turn it around."

Rockies manager Don Baylor said it was "very uncharacteristic of Maddux to give up five runs. We just couldn't contain Andruw Jones. He hit two fastballs about neck high for home runs. He was pretty much the difference in the game."

Colorado starter Darryl Kile (1-3), who allowed seven runs in six innings, said he let his team down. "It's frustrating," he said. "If Greg Maddux gives up five runs, you've got to win. If I hold them down, we win. I have a job to do and I didn't do it. I was just up in the zone for the most part. I fell behind on Jones a couple of times and he hit the ball hard."

# Myers, Fernandez fail as Yanks beat Jays

By Associated Press

Neither Randy Myers nor Tony Fernandez saved the Toronto Blue Jays this time.

Myers blew a save chance for the first time in almost a year and Fernandez brought back memories of his key error in last season's World Series as the New York Yankees defeated Toronto 3-2 in 11 innings Monday night.

Myers, successful on 45 of 46 save opportunities last year and 37 straight overall, took over in the ninth with a 2-0 lead. But the Yankees quickly tied it, handing Myers his first blown save since May 3.

"I had three in a row this year," Myers said. "Last year is last year and doesn't help us this year."

In the 11th, Chuck Knoblauch tripled with two outs and Derek Jeter hit a routine grounder to second base. The ball



glanced off Fernandez's glove, however, for an error that scored the go-ahead run.

Last October, Fernandez's error on an easy grounder enabled the Florida Marlins to beat Cleveland in Game 7 of the World Series — also by a 3-2 score and also in 11 innings.

In other AL games, Seattle defeated Kansas City 8-7, Anaheim beat Baltimore 4-3, Boston downed Cleveland 6-5 in 11 innings and Oakland beat Minnesota 3-2.

# Kenyan wins yet another Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Cosmas Ndeti, who has the confidence of a three-time Boston Marathon winner, predicted that he would win this year's race. He dropped out at the 16-mile mark with stomach pain.

Joseph Chebet pushed the pace for 26 miles, but didn't have enough left for a final sprint. Last year's champion, Lameck Aguta, is recovering from a beating in Nairobi and could not defend his title.

No matter, because there is always another Kenyan to pick up the country's marathon mantle.

"I think Americans should come to Kenya to see how we train, to learn our tactics," said Moses Tanui, whose Boston Marathon victory on Monday was his homeland's eighth consecutive victory here. "When we train, we don't mix it with anything else. We just train and relax."

Tanui outsprinted Chebet over the final 300 yards to win in 2 hours, 7 minutes and 34 seconds. Ethiopia's Fatuma Roba captured the women's race for the second straight year, finishing in 2:23:21.

Both times were the third-fastest in the event's 102-year history.

The Yankees won for the ninth time in 10 games and stopped the Blue Jays' three-game winning streak. Shut out on four hits by Woody Williams and Dan Plesac for eight innings at SkyDome, New York broke through in the ninth against Myers. Chad Curtis opened with an infield single, and Jorge Posada followed with an RBI double. Scott Brosius singled, and Knoblauch's forceout drove in a run and tied it at 2. Rod Beck holds the record with 41 consecutive saves. Myers had not allowed a run in four appearances spanning 4 2-3 innings this season. "I'm thinking about trying to get guys out," Myers said. "If you're thinking about any kind of stats, you're going to be a failure."

# Ex-player pleads guilty to point-shaving

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Northwestern basketball player Kenneth Dion Lee pleaded guilty Monday to taking bribes to fix three games in 1995 and agreed to testify against others charged in the point-shaving scheme.

He is the second person to admit involvement in a betting scandal that has embarrassed the Big Ten's most academically prestigious school. Three people have pleaded innocent.

Lee, 24, of Louisville, Ky., pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to com-

mit sports bribery.

He admitted accepting or agreeing to accept cash bribes totaling \$12,000 from former Notre Dame kicker Kevin Pendergast to fix three games in 1995.

Lee also admitted recruiting two teammates to be part of the point-shaving scheme.

Lee agreed to cooperate with FBI investigators and to work with the National Collegiate Athletic Association to educate students, athletes and others about the risks of gambling.

The maximum sentence for the charge is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, but federal sentencing guidelines call for between 10 and 16 months in prison, said Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office. The government plans to recommend a shorter sentence, he said.

No sentencing date was set.

Pendergast has admitted bribing players and recruiting gamblers to bet on the fixed games in amounts exceeding \$40,000.

## Nuggets fire Hanzlik after horrible 11-71 season record

DENVER (AP) — Bill Hanzlik was fired as coach of the Denver Nuggets today following an 11-71 season, one of the worst in NBA history.

"The Nuggets franchise must move forward and put this disappointing season behind," general manager Dan Issel said.

"We will continue to evaluate every level of the organization and focus on returning the Nuggets to respectability in the NBA."

The Nuggets were beset by injuries and questionable personnel moves that left the team with a roster of rookies and castoffs.

For almost the whole season, they were a threat to surpass the worst record ever — 9-73 by the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers.

Hanzlik, who had never been a head coach before, was on the first year of three-year contract.

His departure was seen as a fore-

gone conclusion after the Feb. 4 firing of Allan Bristow.

Bristow had hired his friend as coach last May.

Hanzlik's assistants, T.R. Dunn and Brian Winters, also were dismissed.

The Nuggets started the season terribly and did not get much better. Bristow became the first victim when he was fired.

On March 25, Issel, a former star and coach, was brought back as general manager, a move many saw as sealing Hanzlik's fate.

There has been speculation the team would try to draw a big-name coach — George Karl and Phil Jackson have been mentioned — to turn the team around.

The Nuggets had devised a grand plan in which they rid themselves of most veterans, made room under the salary cap and acquired draft picks in an effort to rebuild.

## Bulls are favorite as playoffs loom

By Associated Press

The oddsmakers like the Chicago Bulls a lot. Their coach likes their chances even better.

"We're better than we were last year going into the playoffs, although maybe not as good as (1995-96)," a confident coach Phil Jackson said as he gave his team the day off Monday before preparations begin for the Bulls to make a run at a third consecutive championship, which would bring their second threepeat of this decade.

The Bulls won consecutive titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993, and Jackson said "that (1993) team didn't look half as good as this team."

The oddsmakers agree, too.

They've installed the Bulls as a 1-2 favorite to win the championship, as well as a 1-5 bet to capture the Eastern Conference title.

"It'll be a mercenary, monetary challenge, a winner-take-all kind of playoffs," Jackson said.

The best-of-5 first-round begins Thursday night with four games: Atlanta at Charlotte, Cleveland at Indiana, Houston at Utah and San Antonio at Phoenix.

Four more series begin Friday night: New Jersey at Chicago, New York at Miami, Minnesota at Seattle, Portland at Los Angeles. The Bulls will have the home-court advantage through the Eastern Conference finals, and the odds are against anyone beating them.



## Clippers fire Fitch after four years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Coach Bill Fitch was fired by the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday, two days after the perennial NBA doormat finished a 17-65 season.

Clippers vice president of basketball operations Elgin Baylor said he planned to compile a list of candidates for the coaching job within a few

days.

Fitch, 63, coached the Clippers for four years, compiling a 99-229 record in Los Angeles, including 36-46 and a playoff berth last season.

Hit hard by injuries this season, including the loss of floor leader Loy Vaught, the Clippers' record was the third worst in the NBA, behind only

Denver, which won 11 games and fired its coach Monday, and Toronto, which won 16 games and saw its coach resign in February.

Fitch, who began his NBA coaching career with Cleveland in 1970, is second in league history in wins with 944, behind Lenny Wilkens, and first in losses with 1,106.